# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, Today, older South Dakotans are living longer and healthier lives; and,

***Whereas***, Older adults in South Dakota have more choices and options when it comes to the needs of their long-term support services, and they are encouraged to start planning for their future care needs now, allowing them to have peace of mind and financial security as they age; and,

***Whereas***, Planning for future care needs enables older adults to remain in their own homes and communities while maintaining a healthy, independent, and active lifestyle; and,

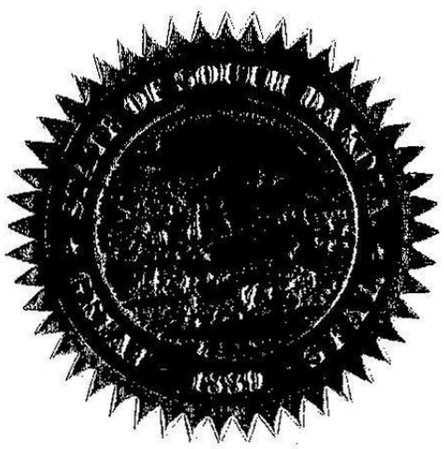
***Whereas***, The Department of Social Services' Division of Adult Services and Aging offers support services ranging from homemaker to nursing services and medication assistance to help older adults remain healthy and independent; and,

***Whereas***, In South Dakota, it is important that we continue to provide these support services to assure older men and women will lead independent, active, and fulfilling lives for many years to come:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2010 as

## *OLDER AMERICANS MONTH*

in South Dakota.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State